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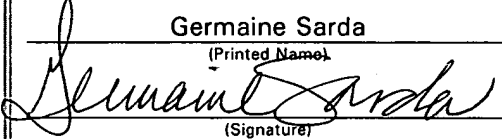
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Title: DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES  
AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
CONTROLLED MOVEMENT  
OF REAGENTS WITHOUT  
MEMBRANES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In conjunction with the continuation application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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